

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re the Application of:** )  
Yip et al. )  
Appln. No.: 09/663,968 )  
**Filed:** September 19, 2000 )  
**For:** METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
IDENTIFYING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES )  
Examiner: SKOWRONEK,  
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Art Unit: 1631  
Conf. No. 4499

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, consideration and entry of the following amendment and remarks are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that entry of this amendment should place the application in condition for allowance.

This submission is timely filed on January 22, 2007, with a petition and fee for a 1 month extension of time. January 21, 2007 was a Sunday.

Careful consideration has been given to the Examiner's comments in the September 21, 2006 Office Action, and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response. It is respectfully submitted that entry of this amendment should place the application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, reduce the number of issues for appeal. Consideration respectfully is requested.

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